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REMARKS

From 14 December 1952 until 14 January 1953, only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the Weisswasser training area. Residents stated that the camp quartered about 100 officers and EM during the period of observation and that these troops were engaged in cleaning work and guard duty. Trucks [] hauled lumber from the troop training grounds to the Weisswasser railroad station five times daily between 16 and 23 December. The lumber was loaded onto trains which left toward Cottbus. Trucks [] were seen in traffic in the camp. On 16 December, [] the personnel of the komendatura in Weisswasser, Hegel Promenade had been exchanged. The present personnel wore black-bordered crimson epaulets while the former personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. []

From 30 December 1952 to 14 January 1953, the Weisswasser training area was occupied only by a guard detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were identified in the camp.

Prior to 25 December 1952, about 10 masons reconditioned the buildings in Camp Nochten. [redacted] a bakery will be built in the camp after the winter is over. [redacted] about 150 soldiers equipped with 10 trucks were stationed in the camp. The ranking officer was a major. Prior to 17 January, two low wooden buildings were partially lighted. [redacted] the last house on the road from Muskau toward Koeben quartered a Soviet radio station operated by five soldiers who wore blue-bordered black epaulets.

Comment: The information [] clearly indicates that the Weisswasser training area had not been reoccupied by troops for training purposes prior to mid-January 1953.

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